GOVERNMENT OF AHDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Water Resources Department – V&E report - Excavation of HNSS canal, including CD & CM works taken up by the I&CD Department, under EPC Package No. 25 - Irregularities in payment to the contractor – Departmental proceedings Initiated against Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool, retired on 30.11.2010 and expired on 02.10.2022 before conclusion of disciplinary proceedings – Further Action – Abated – Orders - Issued.

WATER RESOURCES (Vig.II.(V&E)) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.323 Dated: 14.07.2023

1	Vigilance Report No. 116 (1221/V&E/E1/06), date: 17.08.2007.
2.	G.O.Rt.No.53, I& CAD (Ser.VII) Dept., dt.21.01.2010.
3.	Letter from Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool, Written Statement of Defence, dated: 23.02.2010.
4.	G.O.Rt.No.281,I&CAD(Ser.VII(V&E)A1) Dept., dt.14.03.2012.
5.	Proceedings No. Rc/ENC/S1(4)/1340/1996, date:26.04.20212.
6.	From Dr. Lingaraj Panigrahi, IAS, Commissionerate of Inquiries, GA Department, DO Letter No. 92/COI-LP/2012, date: 11.09.2012.
7.	Memo No. 28854/Ser.VII(V&E)A1/2017-17, date:12.10.2012.
8.	Letter from Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool, Explanation, dated: 03.02.2013.
9.	Finance Department e-file no: 1976455.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the General Administration (Vigilance & Enforcement) Department have furnished their Vigilance report on the allegations on excess payments made to contractor for excavation of HNSS canal including CD & CM works taken up by the I&CD Department, under EPC Package No. 25.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool under rule 20 of APCS(CCA) Rules 1991 by issuing article of charges against him. In the reference 3rd read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defence denying the charges framed against him.

3. In the reference 4th read above Dr. Lingaraj Panigrahi, IAS, Commissionerate of Inquiries, GA Department has been appointed as Inquiring Authority to conduct enquiry into the charges framed against Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool and others and Sri. S. Dese Naik, EE, Anantapur was appointed as presenting officer vide reference 5th read above.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Inquiry Authority has furnished Inquiry Report holding that the charges against Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool are held proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, a copy of the Inquiry Report has been furnished to Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool with a request to submit

his explanation, if any. In turn the Charged officer has submitted his explanation, vide reference 8th read above.

6. Before taking further action on the above, in the reference 9th read above, the Finance Department have informed that Smt K.Lakshmi Prabha, Wife of Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, has informed that her husband retired from the service on attaining the age of Superannuation i.e., on 30.11.2020 and was expired on 02.10.2022. She has requested the Government to abate disciplinary case and to release pensionary benefits, as the individual was expired and also requested to communicate necessary orders in the matter

7. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby abate further action against Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO (Retd & Expired) under Rule 9 (7) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as the said individual was expired on 02.10.2022 i.e., before conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, subject to recovery of the amount, if any, for the loss caused or misappropriated, from his retirement benefits.

8. The Engineer-in- Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada
The Finance Department, AP Secretariat
Copy to:
Smt K.Lakshmi Prabha, Wife of Sri K. Rajeswara Rao, the then PAO, Kurnool District through Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Water Resources Department, Vijayawada.
The PAO, Kurnool.
The Directorate of Works and Accounts, Ibrahimpatanam, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General , Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Secretary to Vigilance Commission, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The GA(COI) Department, AP Secretariat.

// FORWARDED : BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER